

TOWN OF BLUE GRASS

Blue Grass, Iowa

July 12, 1955

Mrs. Hage
Scott County Library
Eldridge, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Hage:

At the last regular council meeting of the Town of Blue Grass it was decided by the members of the council present that the rent paid by the Scott County Library for the use of the Blue Grass Town Hall shall be raised from the present \$15.00 to \$25.00.

This increase in rent shall be effective on August 1, 1955. The Council shall expect your check of \$25.00 on and after that date.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Tangen

R. J. Tangen, Clerk
Town of Blue Grass
Blue Grass, Iowa

July 21, 1955

Mr. R.J. Tangen, Clerk
Town of Blue Grass
Blue Grass, Iowa

Dear Mr. Tangen:

Your letter of July 12 came to my attention when I returned to my desk after 10 days of vacation. I am sorry not to have been able to answer it sooner.

Also, I regret to say that it is too late now to do anything about the August rent check. The claim was signed by the Board officers at their last meeting at the end of June, and has already gone to the auditor's office for payment. I have not authority in these matters, but must follow Board direction, and since the Board is not scheduled to meet until September I'm afraid nothing can be done until then. However, rest assured that the matter will be brought to the attention of the Board at that time. I regret the delay; but that is the situation.

Yours very truly,

Elizabeth B. Hage

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September 29, 1955

Mr. R.J. Tangen, Clerk
Town of Blue Grass
Blue Grass, Iowa

Dear Mr. Tangen:

The Library Board held its regular meeting last night, September 28. Miss Hage presented to the Board your letter of July 12 together with her reply thereto dated July 21.

After careful consideration of the library's budget, the Board came to the conclusion that it was not possible to pay \$25.00 a month rent for the Blue Grass library station in the City Hall.

Yours very truly,

Raymond Baetke, President
SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

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TOWN OF BLUE GRASS

Blue Grass, Iowa

October 6, 1955

Mr. Raymond Baetke, President
Scott County Library Board
Eldridge, Iowa

Dear Mr. Baetke:

I have received your letter of September 29th in regard to the Blue Grass Town Council asking for a raise of the library rent. The Council is sorry to hear that the County Library Board is not able to submit the \$25.00 per month as asked.

The council would like to have certain information as to what other library stations are getting as rent, such as Princeton, Eldridge, LeClaire and other small towns in Scott County. They would also like to know the amount of appropriations that were raised from taxation for the benefit of the Library in Scott County.

Would you be so kind as to submit these figures at your earliest convenience so that I may present them at the next council meeting.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Tangen

R. J. Tangen, Clerk
Town of Blue Grass
Blue Grass, Iowa

Station Blue Grass

October 26, 1955

Mr. R.J. Tangen, Clerk
Town of Blue Grass
Blue Grass, Iowa

Dear Mr. Tangen:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of October 6; it has been unintentional.

In your letter, you ask for certain information pertaining to rental payments in other towns in Scott County where we maintain stations. We have four library stations operated in the same manner as the one at Blue Grass, except that in two of them, we are the sole occupants of the building. No one else uses them, except under our supervision, at any time. One of these is in Le Claire, where we occupy a room with about the same amount of floor space as the Blue Grass city hall. For this we pay \$16.00 a month rent. In addition, we pay our own heat and light. In Walcott, we occupy a building somewhat larger than the Blue Grass city hall, for which we pay \$40.00 a month rent. However, the building was remodelled and redecorated to suit our purposes, and the rental includes heat, light, and running water. In Princeton, we have an arrangement with the town council similar to the one we have there in Blue Grass. We pay the same rental, \$15.00. However, there, we've been allowed to put in more shelving than at Blue Grass, and a library table and chairs.

Headquarters here in Eldridge can hardly be compared with the station space occupied in any of the four above mentioned towns. We occupy a building 25' x 60' with a very large double garage attached at the rear. For this space - heated and with running water - we pay \$200.00 a month rent.

The library's 1955 budget, raised from county tax money, is \$40,568.00; to be raised for the 1956 budget, is \$49,499.18. Our budget covers such items as audio-visual aids, book binding, books equipment, insurance, janitor's supplies, library supplies, light, periodicals, postage, rent, social security, salaries, station expense, telephone, travel, and truck expense.

The per capita rate of taxation for the 1956 budget is \$2.10. At that rate the Blue Grass share of the total, according to 1950 population figures, is \$707.70. The rate for the 1955 budget was \$2.00 per capita at which rate Blue Grass' share was \$674.00, somewhat short of what 2 mills would ~~yield~~ on the property valuations in 1954.

I believe the above information answers the questions asked in your letter. Now, may I point out a fact or two relative to the use of the books in Blue Grass. The average cost of one good book today has been estimated to be \$3.00. So far in 1955, Blue Grass children and adults have read 1887 books which means that they've had \$5661.00 worth of pleasure and education from a ~~\$707.70~~ investment.

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The library board would be happy to have anyone attend a library board meeting. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday evening of each month, at the library in Eldridge at 8:00 p.m.

Yours very truly,

Raymond Baetke, President
SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD